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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 8704

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REPORT THAT IN TAM WILL STAY ON

1. SOCIAL ACTION MINISTER AND IN TAM INTIMATE LOEUNG NAL CAME TO SEE ENDERS AUGUST 19 TO REPORT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD "GOTTEN THROUGH HIS CRISIS" AND COULD BE EXPECTED TO STAY ON.

2. LOEUNG NAL MENTIONED THREE FACTORS AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT: (A) DEMARCHES BY THE CHIEF MONKS OF VARIOUS PHNOM PENH PADRES(IN TAM IS DEVOUT, CONSERVAT-

IVE BUDDHIST); (B) THE SPECTACLE OF PARTY MANEUVERING TRIGGERED BY IN TAM'S TALK OF RESIGNATION; AND (C) THE EXHILARATION OF A NEW AND HOPEFUL INVOLVEMENT IN RALLYING NEGOTIATIONS (SEE PHNOM PENH 8703).

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3. LOEUNG NAL TOLD US THAT IN TAM HAD DECIDED NOT TO

SEND TO THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL THE "MEMORIAL ON WORKING CONDITIONS" AND LETTER OF RESIGNATION HE HAD EARLIER PREPARED AND INFORMED US OF.

4. WE WELCOMED THE NEWS. HOWEVER IN VIEW OF IN TAM'S PAST UP AND DOWN PERFORMANCES WE TOLD LOEUNG NAL THAT IT IS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY FOR IN TAM TO STAY, BUT TO MAKE IT KNOWN IN AN UNMISTAKABLE MANNER THAT HE WILL STAY SO THAT THE EQUIVOCATIONS AND MANEUVERINGS OF THE PAST TEN DAYS CAN BE PUT TO REST. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ASKED WHY IT WAS THAT IN TAM HAD NEVER GONE AHEAD WITH THE MINI-RESHUFFLE OF THE CABINET IN WHICH LON NOL AND THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL HAD ACQUIESCED IN MID-JULY. (THE RESHUFFLE WOULD HAVE ELIMINATED NO FIGURE FROM THE CABINET, BUT GIVEN IN TAM THE INTERIOR PORTFOLIO, AND RETAINED THE PRESENT INTERIOR MINISTER HEM KETH SANS AS A DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER.)

5. LOEUNG NAL REPLIED THAT IN TAM HAD ABANDONED THE RESHUFFLE PROJECT WHEN IT APPEARED HE WOULD RESIGN. HE UNDERTOOK TO RAISE WITH IN TAM THE QUESTION OF FINDING SOME WAY TO MARK HIS APPARENT DECISION TO STAY IN POWER.

6. COMMENT: IN TAM IS THE MOST MERCURIAL OF POLITICIANS AND NO ONE IN HIS RIGHT MIND WOULD TAKE LONG ODDS ON HIS STAYING. HOWEVER THIS REPORT FROM HIS CLOSEST FRIEND IS ENCOURAGING. IT CORROBORATES THE UP-BEAT MOOD SIR ROBERT THOMPSON FOUND IN TAM IN ON AUGUST 19 (PHNOM PENH 8703).  
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